

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending and rejected. Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 11, 14-16, and 19 are amended.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent 6,262,992 (Nelson).

Claim 1 requires routing a call to a service platform. The service platform collects information from the caller and transfers the collected information to an SCP. The SCP transfers the information collected by the service platform to a first destination. Nelson does not teach this aspect of the claim 1.

In Nelson, a call is routed to service platform 438, and service platform 438 collects information. Service platform 438 transfers the collected information to signaling processor 112. **Nelson does not teach that signaling processor 112 transfers this information that was collected by service platform 438 to communication device 108 (or another device at that destination).** The final office action incorrectly attributes this teaching to Nelson, but the teaching is clearly missing from Nelson and undermines the rejection.

Nelson states that signaling processor 112 exchanges signaling information with communication device 108, *but signaling information is not the information that was collected by service platform 438*. The recent office action states that service platform 438 collects ANI, transfers the ANI to signaling processor 112, and that signaling processor 112 transfers the ANI to communication device 108. Applicant could not find this teaching in Nelson. The fact that signaling processor 112 communicates with service platform 438 and communication device 108 does not mean that signaling processor 112 transfers the information that was collected by service platform 438 to communication device 108.

Claim 1 also requires the SCP to transfer the information that was collected by the service platform to a *second* call destination. Nelson does not teach this aspect of the claim 1. In Nelson, service platform 438 collects information from callers and transfers the information to signaling processor 112. Signaling processor 112 transfers signaling information to communication device 110, *but the signaling information is not the information that was collected by service platform 438*.

Nelson does not teach that information collected by service platform 438 is transferred to either of communication devices 108 or 110. *Clearly, Nelson does not teach the transfer of the same information collected by service platform 438 to both communication devices 108 and 110.*

The "Response to Arguments" section of the final office action asserts that Nelson discloses that signaling processor 112 transfers the information collected by service platform 438 to a first destination processor. The final office action cites column 7, lines 44-50; column 20, line 59 to column 21, line 27; column 23, lines 19-31; column 23, lines 47-55; and column 24, lines 6-22 to support this assertion. These citations are silent on the transfer of information between signaling processor 112 and the destination. The column 7 citation describes equipment at the destination, and the other citations describe tables in signaling processor 112. The citations say nothing about information collected by service platform 438 or about the transfer of this collected information to the destination.

For clarity, Applicant has amended the claims to change "first destination processor" and "second destination processor" to "first destination" and "second destination" respectively.

The same reasoning applies to claims 2-20. Applicants submit that there are numerous additional reasons in support of patentability, but that such reasons are moot in light of the above remarks and are omitted in the interests of brevity. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-20.



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